

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL 348

Call to Order: Chairman Jeff Essmann, on April 16, 2009 at 4:10 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: NONE

Executive Action: SB 348 AMENDED WITH A CONCEPTUAL
AMENDMENT

Discussion on SB 348:

00:00:21 Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXHIBIT(frs81sb0348a01)

EXHIBIT(frs81sb0348a02)

EXHIBIT(frs81sb0348a03)

00:04:34 Chairman Essmann (referred to Exhibit 3) offered a conceptual amendment

00:05:32 Rep. Wilmer

00:05:55 Sheri Heffelfinger, LSD

00:06:12 Rep. Wilmer

00:06:24 Rep. Himmelberger

00:07:37 Sheri Heffelfinger

00:09:01 Rep. Himmelberger

00:09:21 Rep. Wilmer

00:09:46 Rep. Mendenhall

00:10:11 Chairman Essmann

00:10:50 Rep. Himmelberger

00:11:34 Sen. Williams

00:12:08 Sen. Black

00:12:14 Rep. Wilmer

00:12:30 Chairman Essmann

00:12:41 Rep. Mendenhall

00:13:07 Chairman Essmann

00:13:17 Rep. Wilmer

00:13:31 Rep. Himmelberger

00:14:24 Rep. Wilmer

00:14:39 Chairman Essmann

00:14:49 Rep. Himmelberger

00:15:32 Chairman Essmann

00:15:53 Rep. Malek

00:16:21 Chairman Essmann

00:16:34 Rep. Wilmer

00:16:43 Sen. Williams

00:16:57 Chairman Essmann

00:17:16 Rep. Wilmer

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 348

00:17:27 **Motion:** Rep. Wilmer moved that **SB 348 BE AMENDED WITH A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT** by inserting the text "of not more than 45 days" into Line 24 on Page 1.

Discussion:

00:18:35 Chairman Essmann

00:19:17 Sheri Heffelfinger

00:19:41 Chairman Essmann

00:19:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote from House of Representative members and Senate members.

Discussion:

00:20:28 Rep. Himmelberger
00:20:40 Sheri Heffelfinger
00:21:17 Chairman Essmann
00:21:28 Sen. Williams
00:22:19 Tom Schneider, former Montana Legislator
00:24:37 Sen. Black
00:24:57 Chairman Essmann
00:25:20 Riley Johnson, former Montana Legislator
00:26:56 Sen. Williams
00:27:03 Rep. Malek
00:27:10 Tom Schneider
00:27:29 Riley Johnson
00:27:36 Rep. Wilmer
00:27:54 Riley Johnson
00:28:18 Sen. Williams
00:29:35 Rep. Wilmer
00:29:47 Tom Schneider
00:29:59 Sen. Williams
00:30:15 Tom Schneider
00:30:40 Rep. Himmelberger
00:31:02 Sen. Williams
00:31:12 Tom Schneider
00:32:16 Riley Johnson

NOTE: In lieu of motion, the unanimous signing of the Committee Report by Free Conference Committee members indicated their recommendation that the **FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ADOPTED.**

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

Debra L. Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([frs81sb0348aad.pdf](#))